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MOSCOW COMMENTATOR DISCUSSES NEW VIETNAM AGREEMENT

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(IGOR FESUNENKO COMMENTARY: "THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM SHOULD BE OBSERVED")

(TEXT) LE DUC THO, MEMBER OF THE VIETNAM WORKER'S PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DRV GOVERNMENT, AND ^A HENRY KISSINGER, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND PRESIDENTIAL ^A ADVISER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, SIGNED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN PARIS ON 13 JUNE 1973 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM. THIS DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRGRSV AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. OUR COMMENTATOR IGOR FESUNENKO REPORTS:

THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN PARIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD SETTLING THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE AGREEMENT ON A CEASE-FIRE AND THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN VIETNAM, WHICH WAS SIGNED IN PARIS ON 27 JANUARY, IS AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR ESTABLISHING PEACE IN THAT AREA. IN THE 4 AND A HALF MONTHS SINCE THEN, GREAT WORK HAS BEEN DONE TO IMPLEMENT THE BASIC PROVISIONS OF THAT DOCUMENT. IT MAY BE MENTIONED, INCIDENTALLY, THAT AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM HAS ENDED AND THE AMERICAN FORCES HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH VIETNAM; PRISONERS OF WAR HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED; AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS, THE DRV HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACEFUL CONSTRUCTION AND TO DEVELOP ITS NATIONAL ECONOMY.

THE CURRENT CHANGES IN VIETNAM WERE MADE POSSIBLE PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE HONORABLE STAND OF THE DRV GOVERNMENT AND THE PRGRSV IN CARRYING OUT THEIR COMMITMENTS. WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN PRESS, ADMITTED THAT THE DRV AND PRGRSV HAVE STRICTLY AND PROMPTLY TAKEN ALL MEASURES PROVIDED FOR IN THE DOCUMENT SIGNED IN PARIS LAST JANUARY. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THIS AGREEMENT COULD HAVE BEEN GREATER IF THE OTHER SIGNATORIES TO

THE PARIS AGREEMENT HAD ADOPTED THE SAME ATTITUDE TOWARD THEIR COMMITMENTS, PARTICULARLY IF THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT HAD NOT ADOPTED ITS

CURRENT ATTITUDE. THE SAIGON ARMY HAS CONTINUED ITS MILITARY OPERATIONS AND CARRIED OUT PROVOCATIONS AND ATTACKS AGAINST THE TERRITORIES UNDER PRGRSV CONTROL. THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU REGIME HAS PLACED VARIOUS OBSTACLES IN THE PATH OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AND BIPARTITE COMMITTEES SUPERVISING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. MORE THAN 200,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW LANGUISH IN SAIGON PRISONS; THEY SHOULD BE RELEASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE AMERICAN SIDE ALSO HAS VIOLATED THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED ITS RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER THE DRV, HALTED THE REMOVAL OF MINES FROM VIETNAMESE PORTS AND WATERWAYS AND HAS TORPEDOED THE WORK OF THE JOINT DRV-U.S. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

THE FACT THAT THIS SITUATION WAS INTOLERABLE LED TO THE NEW ROUND OF TALKS IN PARIS BETWEEN LE DUC THO AND HENRY KISSINGER. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED YESTERDAY STATES THAT THE STRICT OBSERVANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE PROTOCOLS ATTACHED TO IT, SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES, IS A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN VIETNAM AND WOULD HELP ESTABLISH PEACE IN INDOCHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE STIPULATES THAT AMERICA SHOULD FINALLY, COMPLETELY AND IMMEDIATELY STOP ITS RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER DRV TERRITORY, RESUME THE REMOVAL OF MINES FROM DRV PORTS AND WATERWAYS AND COMPLETE THESE OPERATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE TWO SIDES IN SOUTH VIETNAM SHOULD ISSUE ORDERS TO ALL ARMED FORCES THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORY ON 14 JUNE AT 1200 GMT TO CEASE ALL MILITARY OPERATIONS BEGINNING 1600 GMT ON 15 JUNE. THE DOCUMENT INCLUDES OTHER IMPORTANT MEASURES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE SITUATION.

ALL THIS CREATES NEW HOPES FOR THE FRIENDS OF VIETNAM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SOVIET PUBLIC OPINION SUPPORTS THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE THAT IT WILL HELP THE COMPLETE AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM AS WELL AS THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD.

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